17. The Many Aspects of Women as Managers;

18. Role of Central Bank in Economic Development;

19. Auditing and Managing Development Assistantce Programs—Perspective and Lessoins;

20. Information Technology : Its impact on Financial Management;

21. Memorandum of Understanding—An instrument of Efficiency for Public Enterprises; and

22. Strategies for Managing Change.

Contribution of hike in procurement prices of foodgrains towards inflation

2128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the substantial hike in procurement prices of foodgrains as well as hike in certain administered prices has contributed cost-push factor to inflationary rate;

(b) the contribution of increase in procurement prices as well as administered prices in inflationary process; and

(c) how Government propose to tackle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b). Following the revision in Central Issue Prices of rice, wheat and sugar, the WPI rose to 251.9 in the week ended 5-2-1994 from 251.1 as on 29-1-94, representing an increase of 0.3 per cent in the general price level. The index was, however higher by 8.53 per cent over the same week of last year. The direct impact of increase in administered prices of petroleum products and LPG was estimated at 0.4 per cent. Thus the overall direct impact on the general price level may be 0.7 per cent.

(c) Government monitors continuously the price situation in respect of essential commodities and intervenes by augmenting supplies through PDS and of late by resorting to open market sales of rice and wheat from public stocks. This has particularly helped in moderating the open market price of foodgrains after the Central Issue Prices for PDS supplies were raised.

बैंकों के अशोध्य ऋण

2129. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 फरवरी, 1994 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "रूपीज 7000 करोड़ बैंक डिफाल्ट बाई लार्ज हाउसेस" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि गत वर्षों में लगभग 2000 करोड़ रुपए के ऋण को अशोध्य ऋण मान लिया गया था ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त ऋण में कुछ ऋण ऐसे भी हैं जिनकी राशि करोड़ रुपयों में है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो एक करोड़ या इससे अधिक राशि के उन ऋणों की संख्या कितनी है जो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बट्टे खाते में डाले गये हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार उन दोषी व्यक्तियों जिन्होंने अभी तक इन बड़े-बड़े ऋणों की राशि नहीं लौटाई है, के नाम प्रकाशित करने का विचार रखती है ताकि अन्य संस्थानों को वित्तीय हानि से बचाया जा सके ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा यथा उपलब्ध एवं नियमों के तहत अनुज्ञेय सूचना सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Expendiure on Ministers etc.

2130. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much Government expenditure has been reduced during the last three years on travelling and other allowances of Central Ministers, their telephones;

(b) what has been the respective strength of Secretaries, additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries during the last three years; and

(c) what has been the fate of PMs announcement in December, 1991 at the meeting of the N.D.C. of a 10 P.C. cut in Senior official posts and a 20 P.C. cut in domestic and foreign travel allocations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The expenditure incurred on allowances etc. of Central Ministers is as under:

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
			(Rs. in lakhs)
1. Salaries	6.38	16.37	16.93
2. Sumptuary Allowance, DA & CA etc.	33.33	46.10	52.34
3. TA & DA	423.58	849.79	3486.06

Information regarding expenditure on telephones of Central Ministers is not maintained centrally.

(b) The information in this regard is as under:

As on 1st. January

Designation	1992	1993	1994
1. Secretary	125	102	99
2. Addl. Secy.	99	99	85
3. Jt. Secy.	373	363	351

(c) In addition to the reduction indicated in reply to (b) above, 220 posts of Jt. Secretary level in various Ministries/ Departments, including their field formations, have been identified for abolition.

Order were issued for reduction of 20 per cent of the allocation for domestic and international travel during the last three months of 1991-92 and during 1992-93.